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1. CONCERNING PARA 3, REFTTEL, ITALY HAS TAKEN ALL
NECESSARY DOMESTIC STEPS TO BRING THE VERIFICATION
AGREEMENT INTO FORCE. HOWEVER, ENFORCEMENT IS
CONTINGENT UPON OVERCOMING A "TECHNICAL AND JURIDICAL
PROBLEM" CONNECTED WITH EC APPROVAL OF THE REVISED
SAFEGUARDS REGULATIONS.

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2. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICE WHICH HANDLES NPT AND

IAEA AFFAIRS, THE EC LETTER TO IAEA, WHICH NOTIFIED THAT THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD APPROVED THE REVISED REGULATIONS, WAS NOT DEFINITIVE. RATHER IT EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS "IN PRINCIPAL" AND THAT CERTAIN "JURIDICAL INSTRUMENTS" STILL HAD TO BE WORKED OUT FOR PUTTING THE REGULATIONS INTO FORCE.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE PROBLEM LIES IN THE FAILURE OF THE FRENCH TO AGREE TO A PROVISION WHICH, IN CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD PERMIT IAEA INSPECTORS TO EXAMINE NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS, RATHER THAN EURATOM INSPECTORS ALONE OR ACCOMPANIED BY IAEA INSPECTORS. THE FRENCH APPEAR ADAMANT AND THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A "FORMULA" TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM. SOURCE SAID HE FELT SURE THAT PROBLEM CAN BE WORKED OUT RELATIVELY SOON, WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS BEING "WITHIN A FEW MONTHS".

4. WORK GOES ON APACE IN ITALY TO COMPLETE THE EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTIVE DOCUMENTATION ON NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS WHICH IS NECESSARY TO PINPOINT AREAS WHERE INSPECTORS MAY CARRY OUT THEIR WORK WITHOUT DISRUPTING OPERATIONS. SOURCE INDICATED WRONLY THAT ITALY IS PUSHING THIS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE, IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH DOCUMENTATION, THE INSPECTORS WOULD BE PERFORCE PERMITTED TO "WANDER AROUND" WHEREEVER THEY WANT IN THE PLANTS.

5. MISSION HOPES FOREGOING TRACKS WELL WITH OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. MFA'S REAL EXPERT WAS OUT OF COUNTRY AND WE HAD TO RELY ON A DEPUTY WHO MAY NOT BE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE INTRICACIES. BEAUDRY

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